

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C | 20 JULY 2025

Living in God's presence

The Responsorial Psalm begins with an important question; "Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?" One of the main themes of the Old Testament was determining how human beings, separated from God's holiness due to sin, can once again "live in the presence of the Lord."

In the Second Reading, we have the answer. In the words of St Paul, "The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory." By this, Paul means the risen Jesus, the one true God in the flesh, is alive in every believer. As a result, what is true of Jesus also applies to all of us. Jesus' relationship with the Father, one in which they are constantly present to each other, is true also for us.

In this week's readings, we learn more about what it means to live in God's presence and commune with him.

The First Reading describes how "The Lord appeared to Abraham" with the arrival of three men. Ancient Christian tradition identified these three strangers, sometimes described as one person and sometimes as three, as a manifestation of the Trinity. When the men arrive, Abraham recognises his God's presence right away and welcomes them with an immense showing of hospitality.

But the gospel account of Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary takes this understanding of what it means to dwell in God's presence to a whole new level.

To be clear, Jesus does not criticise Martha for her working and serving. Indeed, Martha follows the Old Testament example of hospitality demonstrated in the First Reading by Abraham and Sarah. Martha's kind of service is what we call a 'corporal work of mercy', where we demonstrate the love of God through serving another's physical needs. However, as St Augustine explains in his commentary on the gospel, "Our Lord does not then forbid hospitality, but the troubling about many things, that is to say, hurry and anxiety."

Jesus, in the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:14), cautions that worries, much like thorns, might stifle a person's responsiveness to his word. Even though Martha was trying to serve God through her labours, being so concerned about serving him was actually a barrier to communing and being in the presence of the one she loved. Mary, instead, seizes this unique moment and places herself in God's presence to take in everything that Jesus wants to give her.

While we live on this earth, we have a duty to attend to the physical and care for others. But we should never let our worries and anxieties take our focus away from the more important, that is, the eternal things that will 'not be taken from us.' Union with God through prayer is vital for every Christian. The love, peace and wisdom that we receive from spending time with Jesus overflows into all of our activities so that we become the kind of person, described in the Responsorial Psalm, who dwells in the presence of God.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 20	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms
Tuesday 22	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 23	NO Mass today
Thursday 24	8:00 am - Mass 10:30 am - Funeral Prayers for John Lulham
Friday 25	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 26	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 27	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Baptism

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER
8:30am - 9am after 8am
weekday Masses.
(Subject to change - depending
on activities in the Church)

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekday & weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word,
are available in the Church.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
this Friday 25 July
11:00 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Lulham, Anthony Giacomini, Patricia King,
Fr Michael Brady

ANNIVERSARIES:

Val Spears, Peter McDonald, Cecilia Buchanan

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Maive Collett, Barbara McGrouther, Narelle Martin,
Pam Willock, Patrick Fox, George Flack, Margaret
Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Malcolm Reid,
Paul Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the
Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the
Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray
today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and
emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.*

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

*There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you
can't join us:*

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass
on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am -
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
**Levi John Metcalfe &
Armarni Rae Metcalfe-Chapman**
to our faith community.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me
- Rev 3:20

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

READING ROSTER

26/27 July | 17 Sunday in Ord Time | Yr C
5pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox
9am - Kay Ryder

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

26/7 - Mia Cook & Amelia Bennett
27/7 - Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

20/7 Dana Fuller
27/7 Rhoda McPherson

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



Create with Hope

Closing date
5 August

2025 Jubilee Art Prize

Celebrate the Holy Year by expressing the theme of **Hope** through art.

Prizes awarded for each category:

0-5 years	6-8 years
9-12 years	13-17 years
18+ adults	Group (2 or more people)
Photography (Under 17 and 18+)	

Entries will be displayed at the 4 pilgrimage churches across the Diocese to select finalists.

For more information see posters in Church.



Are you thinking of
becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

INVITATION TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA – A Journey in Faith

Since Jesus invited His first followers to "Come, follow me", the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship.

The Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

- **RCIA** programme provides a setting where the Catholic faith can be explored and the journey of faith can be celebrated within the local Church community.

The RCIA Programme begins with an Enquiry Night to assist:

- ♦ Those who might be considering joining our Catholic community.
- ♦ Those who would like to know more about the RCIA programme.
- ♦ Those parishioners who are interested in supporting our candidates.
- ♦ Those who wish to know more about their Faith.

Enquiry night dates are:

Wednesday 6 August | 6pm | Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 14 August | 6pm | Sacred Heart Church.

If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please phone Parish Office 6672 1118 or email: murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au



SACRED HEART PARISH PILGRIMS OF HOPE SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

The Sacred Heart Parish invites all children and their families to join us for a gentle and joyful pilgrimage for the Jubilee in faith, hope and community.

We will walk as a Parish community around the Mt St Patrick school block, back to the Sacred Heart Church and through the Holy Doors for 9am Mass.

What to expect:

- Prayer reflection stations
- Scripture moments & blessings
- Time to connect with God and one another

Meeting Point: Church entrance 8 am

Light refreshments after 9am Mass

EVERYONE WELCOME



CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 27 July | 2 pm | St Mary's Chapel

(behind St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore)

Celebrant: Fr Erick Quinteros

At a Charismatic Healing Mass, we pray for the extraordinary power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (14)

R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tuesday 5 August | 6 pm | Sacred Heart Church

Baptised children in Year 3 or older are eligible to make their Confirmation. Parents who have children making their Confirmation this year will need to attend this meeting.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Wednesday 3 September - 6:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church



MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW

READERS AND WRITERS

FOR THEIR TRIAL HSC EXAMINATIONS

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the

Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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